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RE: Docket No. 98N-1265

Dear Gentlefolk:

I am writing on a matter that has considerable concern to me. For perhaps two years I have been getting custom compounded pharmaceutical prescriptions by mail from Women's International Pharmacy. The prescriptions have been compounded for two varieties of natural hormone replacement, a natural progesterone cream and a tri-estrogen cream as prescribed by a physician specializing in women's hormonal balance. I am nearly 55 years old and sought treatment from her for relief of hot flashes and other menopausal symptoms.

With the use of these two topical creams, my bones have been found to have strengthened in the eighteen months, as verified by a DEXA scan. My hot flashes are nil. My health is excellent. My primary physician says my health is literally "awesome." My ophthalmologist asked me 6 weeks ago what was new in my life since I last saw him, since "your eyes are *younger* than before, retinas, blood vessels, pressure." The only thing different in my life since I saw him two years ago is the use of these custom compounded pharmaceuticals, plus the supplements my physician recommends.

I am concerned that the MOU in its present form, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, severely restricts the rights of physicians and patients to obtain healthcare products from the provider of their choice, and infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the public's medical needs. I would hate to lose or in any way have compromised the services which have made my health, to quote yet another physician, "like Tony the Tiger."

Please hear me and the other consumers who are contacting you on this matter! I thank for your attention.

Sincerely,

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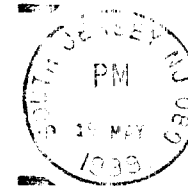
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